

National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP)

NSSP Update – August 2020



NSSP UPDATE

The National Syndromic Surveillance Program issues *NSSP Update* monthly to share the latest Community of Practice activities, technical and program updates, and ways in which syndromic surveillance is improving public health.

Listen to the new MMWR podcast series.

MMWR COVID-19 Briefing is a weekly podcast to update readers on the latest scientific information from CDC's COVID-19 response. In this week's episode, Dr. Charlotte Kent highlights reports about how long COVID-19 symptoms last in adults who haven't been hospitalized, efforts to keep voters safe during an election in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and good news about rebounds in vaccination among children in New York City. Listen to the [latest episode here](#).

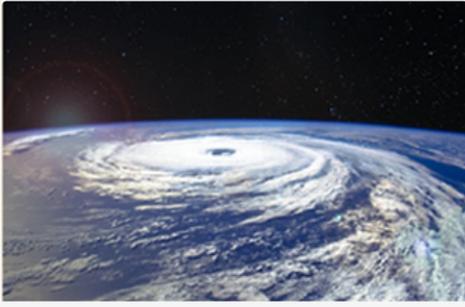


PROGRAM NEWS

CAPT Loren Rodgers Named as Acting NSSP Lead

The National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) is pleased to announce that CAPT Loren Rodgers will serve as the acting NSSP lead. Rodgers has been instrumental in enhancing the tools, data sources, and support that NSSP provides to health departments.

[Read more.](#)



SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE IN ACTION

North Carolina Improved Situation Awareness by Working with NSSP to Integrate Emergency Data Source

North Carolina used real-time syndromic surveillance data to monitor injuries, illness, and deaths during and after Hurricane Florence. With help from NSSP, data from evacuation shelters were quickly added to make situational awareness more complete. [Read the story.](#)

[Read more stories about how states use syndromic surveillance.](#)



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Officers Elected, 2020 Syndromic Surveillance Symposium Goes Virtual, and Community Updates

[Read these stories and more.](#)



IMPROVING THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

Developing a Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Syndrome for State Health Departments

Syndromic surveillance offers a unique, near-real-time perspective on trends and medical conditions. This article provides the rationale for developing the Child Abuse and Neglect syndrome and lists challenges, solutions, and take-aways. [Read this story and others that describe how NSSP works across CDC.](#)



DATA QUALITY CORNER

Tools for Taking Data Quality into Your Own Hands

From reports to dashboards, here are the tools that you can use to monitor data quality.

[Read our data quality tips.](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See the monthly maintenance schedule and Nssp Community of Practice meetings.

August 14	Data Quality Subcommittee Call (Monthly): 12:00–1:00 PM ET
August 18	NSSP vendor patches in Testing and Development environments: 6:00–10:00 AM ET
August 18	NSSP Community of Practice Call (Monthly): 3:00–4:30 PM ET
August 20	NSSP vendor patches in Onboarding and Production environments: 6:00–10:00 AM ET
September 2	Syndrome Definition Subcommittee Call (Monthly): 1:00–2:00 PM ET
September 4	Syndromic Surveillance and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Subcommittee Call (Monthly): 2:00–2:45 PM ET
September 8	Urgent Care Subcommittee (Quarterly): 12:30–1:30 PM ET
September 11	Data Quality Subcommittee Call (Monthly) 12:00–1:00 PM ET
September 14	NSSP CoP Core Committee Call (Monthly): 1:00–2:30 PM ET
September 18	Overdose Surveillance Subcommittee: 1:00–2:00 PM ET

View more calendar details at the [NSSP Community of Practice](#).

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